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The Brady Brief - Help for Haiti

On January 12th, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti, destroying most of the city's infrastructure and killing tens of thousands of people. Since then, many of my constituents have contacted my office seeking information regarding rescue/recovery updates as well as inquiring into ways to help those dealing with the earthquake's aftermath.

In an effort to facilitate this enormous outpouring of support, I have compiled a list of government agencies, non-profit organizations, and other information to answer your questions. Please visit [my website](#) for more detailed and up to date information.

- The Haiti Earthquake Task Force has set up the following number for Americans seeking information about American citizens in Haiti: 1-888-407-4747. Some callers may receive a recording because of the heavy volume of calls.
- The Embassy is working to identify U.S. citizens in Haiti who need urgent assistance and to identify sources of emergency help. U.S. citizens in Haiti have been urged to contact the Embassy via email at ACSPaP@state.gov to request assistance. U.S. citizens in Haiti have been asked to call the Embassy's Consular Task Force at 509-2229-8942, 509-2229-8089, 509-2229-8322, or 509-2229-8672.
- The Department of State is receiving a high volume of calls concerning the welfare of American citizens in Haiti. To better handle these requests, the Department has established an e-mail address for people who are trying to contact their American Citizen friends and relatives in Haiti. It is: Haiti-Earthquake@State.Gov
- If you are still looking for family members, go to International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) [website](#).
- Currently, the USAid and the Red Cross are NOT accepting new volunteers for travel to Haiti, but will likely need professional volunteers in the near future.

In an effort to encourage much needed donations to the people of Haiti, I cosponsored and voted for a bill to make charitable donations made in 2010 for Haitian relief, tax deductible for 2009. This measure, [H.R. 4462](#), was passed by the House on January 20th and later signed into law. Also, the House and the Senate passed a bill authorizing \$25 million in emergency funding in aid to U.S. citizens unexpectedly returning to America because of the earthquake. This bill, [S. 2949](#), is currently awaiting the President's signature into law.

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The people of Haiti will have a tough road ahead of them as they rebuild, but I am encouraged by the steps already taken to recover from this tragedy. If you have any questions regarding this, or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact any of my offices.

Sincerely,



Robert Brady
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